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SUBJECT: UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA

1. THERE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON NAMIBIA AND EXPLANATION OF VOTES. MISSION SHOULD COORDINATE POSITIONS WITH EC-9 TO INSURE THAT WE ARE NOT IN ISOLATION ON ANY VOTE. IF WE RISK ISOLATION ON ANY RESOLUTION, YOU SHOULD ASK FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. MISSION SHOUD:

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--OPPOSE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON "SITUATION IN NAMIBIA";

--ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION ON COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA;

--ABSTAIN ON SAUDI ARABIAN RESOLUTION ON UN CONFERENCE
ON NAMIBIA (IF IT IS PRESSED TO A VOTE);

--ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION ON INTENSIFICATION OF UN
ACTION IN "UPPORT OF NAMIBIA;

--ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION ON DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION
ON NAMIBIA;

--ABSTAIN ON RESOLUTION ON ACTION BY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL
AND NON-GOVRENMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS; AND

--PARTICIPATE IN CONSENSUS OR VOTE IN FAVOR OF
RESOLUTION ON UN FUND FOR NAMIBIA.

3. MISSION SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF VOTE:

--THE U.S. DELEGATION PRESENTED ITS VIEWS ON NAMIBIA
IN A GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE
ON DECEMBER 2. THE U.S. WAS PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE ADOPTION WITHOUT VOTE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION
ON UN FUND FOR NAMIBIA. OUR DECISION ON THIS
RESOLUTION, HOWEVER, DOES NOT INDICATE A CHANGE IN
OUR VIEWS THAT UN VOLUNTARY FUNDS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED
BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND NOT BY DISBURSEMENTS
OF THE REGULAR UN BUDGET.

--THE U.S. DELEGATION ABSTAINED ON THE RESOLUTION ON
ACTION BY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE WE CANNOT SUPPORT THE PARAGRAPH
WHICH CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES
TO AN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. OUR VIEWS ON THIS
SUBJECT WERE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL IN THE FOURTH
COMMITTEE EARLIER THIS YEAR.

--THE U.S. ABSTAINED ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE
UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA CONSISTENT WITH OUR PAST
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ABSTENTIONS ON RESOLUTION 2248 AND OTHERS, BECAUSE
WE HAVE RESERVATIONS OVER IMPLICATIONS OF THE
RESOLUTION AND THE PRACTICAL AUTHORITY OF THE
COUNCIL. WE ALSO CANNOT SUPPORT ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA REPORT. WE ABSTAINED ON
THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON "INTENSIFICATION AND
COORDINATION OF UN ACTION IN SUPPORT OF NAMIBIA",
BECAUSE WE CANNOT ASCRIBE TO THE BLANKET CONDEMNATION

OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA WHICH WOULD INCLUDE TERMINATION OF BUSINESS INTERESTS ESTABLISHED IN NAMIBIA PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MANDATE. WE ALSO HAVE RESERVATIONS AS TO WHETHER IT IS FEASIBLE AND LEGALLY APPROPRIATE FOR REQUIRE MEMBER STATES TO ENFORCE

--WE ABSTAINED ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON "DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION IN NAMIBIA" BECAUSE AMONG OTHER THINGS WE OPPOSE THE EXCESSIVE EXPENDITURE OF UN FUNDS WHICH WILL BE NECESSITATED BY THE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN RECOMMENDED IN THIS RESOLUTION. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO OPPOSE THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION WHEN IT COMES BEFORE THE FIFTH COMMITTEE.

--THE UNITED STATES HAS ABSTAINED ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SAUDI ARABIA, NOT BECAUSE WE DISAGREE WITH THE INTENT OF THE RESOLUTION, BUT RATHER BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THE RESOLUTION CUTS ACROSS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO BRING THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE. WE WOULD NOT WANT SUCH EFFORTS TO BE PREJUDICED BY THE LAUNCHING OF A COMPETING INITIATIVE.

--THE UNITED STATES HAS VOTED AGAINST THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN NAMIBIA BECAUSE WE CANNOT SUPPORT A NUMBER OF THE PARAGRAPHS. WE CANNOT, FOR EXAMPLE, BE PARTY TO THE ENDORSEMENT IN THE RESOLUTION OF ARMED STRUGGLE AS THE MEANS TO RESOLVE THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM. AS THE U.S. EXPLAINED DURING THE GENERAL DEBATE, THE U.S. IS COMMITTED TO HELPING

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FIND A PEACEFUL, NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIA PROBLEM.

--THE UNITED STATES ALSO CANNOT SUPPORT THE PARAGRAPHS OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH CALL THE SITUATION IN NAMIBIA A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND CALL ON THE SC TO IMPOSE A MANDATORY ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. AS IS WELL-KNOWN THE U.S. ALSO DOES NOT REGARD ANY ONE OF THE POLITICAL GROUPS INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF NAMIBIA AS THE SOLE AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIA PEOPLE.

--IN CONCLUSION, I WISH TO POINT OUT THAT DESPITE OUR DISAGREEMENT WITH A NUMBER OF POINTS IN THESE RESOLUTIONS, THE U.S. REMAINS STEADFAST IN ITS POLICY

OF SEEKING TO PROMOTE A CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
INVOLVED IN THE NAMIBIAN PROBLEM, UNDER UN AUSPICES,
AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE WITH A VIEW TOWARD
ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE AT AN EARLY DATE. WE ALSO
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE PROVISIONS OF SC RESOLUTION 385
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